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Column One By David Courtney

A well-equipped army of a quarter of a million is not a bad start. It is the start the Bonn Government and its military advisers expect to be given. They want it to be made up of twelve divisions and to have, as well, a tactical Luftwaffe of at least 600 planes. It is not as easy as that, of course. The Americans were understood to have favoured the scheme in the German way; but Mr. McCloy, on his return from Washington, made it plain that what with the British still "dragging their feet" over the problem, and French politics in such a state that no decisive concessions can be expected from Paris before the autumn, the Germans, for the time being, had better make up their minds to accept the integration of their forces into the European Army wanted by the French.

FORMALLY, the Germans will still have to do pretty much as the Americans tell them. In effect, of course, they should be able, in the old manner, to turn the compromise to their advantage. Even if their quarter of a million men should be made part of a polyglot army under unified European command, it may be expected that most of its training will take place in German barracks under German command. The heels will click in German squares, the *go* goose-stepping down German streets, the Prussian command will echo from town to town, from village to village; and the German people, said now to be a little unsure about the point of rearmament to fight somebody else's war, will be persuaded once more to long for uniforms and Lebensraum.

BESIDES the uncertainty of France and the anxiety of Britain, there remains, of course, Dr. Schumacher's opposition to rearmament without "equality of rights." At the Frankfurt meeting of the newly-formed Socialist International, Dr. Schumacher, for the German Social-Democrats, approved the idea of rearmament in principle, and persuaded his colleagues to include in their resolution a statement to the effect that "equality of rights" was a necessary condition to "maximum" rearmament. We may be sure that the condition will be met before very long.

FOR the moment, the occasion is being used by the German Government, whose economic representative, Dr. Erhard, has been visiting Washington, to press the need for a big German industrial expansion. The purpose of the expansion would be to supply special rearmament tools and equipment not only to a German army but also to the armies of France, Britain, and other member-states of the Atlantic Pact. It would involve a big increase in steel and machine-tool production and, if accepted, would give German industry the same start towards European dominance as has been given the German army. The Germans, it will be observed, are clever; or should it be said that their sponsors and fairy-godmothers are merely foolish?

Tel Aviv, July 12.

Persia Accepts Harriman Visit

TEHRAN, Wednesday. — Persia tonight accepted President Truman's offer to send Mr. Averell Harriman to Persia to "talk over" the oil dispute. In a letter to the President, Dr. Mossadeq said that the suggestion that Iran should accept the International Court's ruling "had arrived too late," but he welcomed the suggestion to send Mr. Harriman to Tehran. There could be no objection to anyone coming to discuss nationalisation "within the framework of the law," he said.

Mr. Harriman will fly to Tehran within the next 48 hours to try to help settle the Persian oil dispute, it was announced in Washington.

The British meanwhile prepared to turn over complete control of the Gachsaran oilfields, about 180 miles northeast of Abadan, to the Persians. The transfer, scheduled for today, would make it the first field to change hands since the crisis began, and the Persians have indicated unwillingness to assume control.

The five Britons running the field will be evacuated under a last-minute change of plan. Mr. Alec Mason, acting manager of the A.L.O.C., said the field is in an "isolated part of the world and it is not fair to the British staff to stay."

The Persian Government, according to usually reliable sources, is now reconciled to the complete closing down of the Abadan refinery soon. The Persians anticipate a shut-down for up to six months until alternative outlets are found for Persian oil. The Government seeking new markets for its oil has ordered its embassies abroad to place advertisements in the "world's most important newspapers" asking for orders.

The 8,000-ton cruiser *Mauritius*, anchored off Abadan to protect British lives, was leaving today for Basra 65 kilometres away to give her crew a few days' shore leave.

GRADY REPORTED OUT NEW YORK, Wednesday. — The *Baltimore Sun* said that intelligence reports were indicating the U.S. Ambassador to Persia, Dr. Henry Grady, was on his way out. The correspondent said these reports attributed the "pro-

There could be no hope of a lasting peace in the area as long as the Arab refugees "longed" for the natural and elementary right to return to their homes," Mr. Smith said. The Israeli Government had said their return would constitute a threat to the security of Israel but "I believe the presence of the refugees in camps is a greater menace than if they were allowed to return," he said.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — While the U.S. is helping both Turkey and Iran to buttress their defences against Russian aggression, "we have done nothing to bolster the defences of the Arab countries, which of necessity must form the second line of defence in the Middle East," Republican Representative Lawrence Smith said here yesterday.

More U.S. War Aid To Arabs Urged

REPORT OF INCURSION INTO JORDAN DENIED

A Radio Ramallah report of an Israeli patrol penetrating into Jordan-held territory near the road to Bethlehem late Tuesday night, was denied in Jerusalem last night. According to the Ramallah announcement, the patrol was repelled by National Guardsmen. There were no injured in the clash, it said.

A later Radio Ramallah report said that the alleged attack took place at 12.30 a.m. at Husan village and that it involved a unit of 10 Israeli soldiers. Ramallah added that the battle lasted several hours and that Jordan has lodged a protest with the Mixed Arab-Armistice Commission.

Residents of Be: Safa and Mahanet (Malha) villages have reported that a number of shots were fired into their villages by unknown persons on Tuesday night. The villages are on the border south-east of Jerusalem. There were no casualties.

The Jerusalem commanders of the Army and the Arab Legion are scheduled to meet today at Mandelbaum Gate to discuss security measures to be taken for the Beit Natif area.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Seven men were killed and several others wounded in engagements with Israeli patrols in various parts of the country during the night of July 11-12, it was announced.

Cabinet to Call Knesset Back Into Session

The Cabinet at its weekly meeting in Jerusalem yesterday decided to request the Knesset President to convene the House next week for the second reading of the Women's Rights Bill. It is presumed, a Government spokesman said, that the first session will be held on Monday.

A review by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Moshe Sharett, also covered the Government's immigration policy in regard to Hungary and Persia, the problem of Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal, and diplomatic relations with Persia.

The spokesman added that the Foreign Ministry has as yet received no announcement from Persia indicating any change in its relations with Israel or of the closing of the Consulate-General in Jerusalem.

Discusses Symposium

The Cabinet also discussed plans for a symposium and exhibition on "The Conquest of the Desert," scheduled for either 1952 or 1953. The Research Council of Israel will act as host to the scholars from all parts of the world who will be invited to participate, and the U.N. Educational and Scientific Council has been contacted.

Concerning Women's Rights legislation, it was stated that the sub-committee of the Knesset's Legal Committee had completed its deliberations and that the full committee had met yesterday and would meet again today to put the finishing touches on the measure.

It will be recalled that during the first reading of the proposal the Knesset adopted a resolution calling upon the Legal Committee to complete its work in time to permit the outgoing Knesset to act on the measure. The Committee's chief task has been to forge a single piece of legislation from two proposals by the Government and Mrs. Rahel Kagan (Weizmann).

ROSENNE TO JOIN U.N. DELEGATION

Mr. S. Rosenne, Legal Adviser to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, is due to leave Israel today for New York where he will participate in the debate in the Security Council on Israel's complaint against Egyptian action in connection with the Suez.

'Irresponsible Promises' Of Opposition Decried By B.G.

U.K. Protests On Ship; Will Raise Suez Issue at UN

LONDON, Wednesday (UP). — Britain has protested "vigorously" against the search and alleged looting of the freighter *Empire Roach* by an Egyptian naval boarding party on July 1, and indicated that its naval units would be alerted to prevent any similar incidents, Mr. Morrison said in a statement to the House of Commons today.

He disclosed that an armed party from the Egyptian corvette No. 61 kept the *Empire Roach* below deck while they looted \$300 worth of goods from the boat's stores. The ship was halted off Akaba.

Search 'Humiliating'

A few minutes earlier Mr. Kenneth Younger, Minister of State, told a questioner that Britain planned to protest to the Security Council against Egyptian restrictions on traffic through the Suez Canal.

Mr. Younger refused to accept the contention of a Conservative member that the search to the *Empire Roach* was a "humiliating example of the way in which the country is being pushed around by the evasive character of this Government's action."

Early Meeting Of P.C.C. 'Unlikely'

It is "most unlikely" that the Palestine Conciliation Commission will reconvene on July 15, as previously announced, U.N. circles in Jerusalem said yesterday.

A meeting of the P.C.C. if it is to take place, will be summoned by M. Claude de Monroville, the French member who on Monday will become chairman. Only one of the three members is now in the Middle East, Mr. Ely Falmer, the U.S. member. The other two members are in Paris and Ankara.

Arab States Informed Of Persian Move

The Persian Government yesterday informed all the capitals of Arab U.N. member states that it had closed its consulate in Israel and withdrawn its recognition of that country, ANA reports.

The Government also addressed a memorandum to Egypt expressing Persian's gratitude for the Egyptian delegate's stand at the recent International Court session at The Hague on the oil dispute.

They had also objected to his decision to defend the Negev when he had been in charge of security in the Jewish Agency before the War of Independence. Turning to the several thousand housewives in the audience, the Prime Minister said that he had also seen queues in England, "that Empire, which is both older and richer than we," during the war and up to this day. Even in the U.S. rationing had just been introduced, Mr. Ben Gurion said, and then queried: "Did the 'General Zionists' there oppose it?"

The Prime Minister said that he would not deny our shortcomings but that it was the failure to set up an ideal Government Memorandum to Egypt expressing Persian's gratitude for the Egyptian delegate's stand at the recent International Court session at The Hague on the oil dispute.

U.N. Delegates See Korea Truce 'Nearer'

Removal of Foreign Troops Proposed

TOKYO, Wednesday (Reuter). — Peking Radio reports that General Nam Il of North Korea has proposed a ten-kilometre withdrawal from the 38th Parallel at the cease-fire talks in Kaesong.

General Nam Il, the radio said, proposed that the negotiators solve problems connected with the withdrawal of troops from the Parallel and "the withdrawal of foreign troops to ensure that war does not flare up again in Korea." He also proposed that talks should be conducted immediately on an exchange of prisoners, it was stated.

The report followed repeated references in Peking's news broadcast to the "defeat" of the U.N. forces in Korea. The Communists have throughout maintained the impression they are the hosts at Kaesong.

Political Issues

One of the American delegates replied, according to Moscow Radio, that their delegation was not authorized to take decisions on political questions and that it regarded the three proposals as touching on political issues.

General Nam Il then asked which questions contained in his proposals were political.

In the absence of a detailed statement from U.N. officials, observers at Seoul speculated that the reference in the official U.N. communiqué of the intended scope of the meetings meant the Communists had given ground on the initial demand calling for the withdrawal of foreign troops.

Asked about this by correspondents, Colonel George Ruhlman, spokesman for the delegation, declined to comment.

Bevan Tract Gets Cool Reception

By George Lichtblum

LONDON, Wednesday. — The suggestion that Russia should be invited to participate in international control of the Panama Canal, the Suez Canal and the Dardanelles — though not apparently of the Danube — is one of many proposals made in the policy statement issued on behalf of Mr. Aneurin Bevan's friends, which is receiving a polite but cool reception here.

Most commentators deplore the general well-meaning of its tone and content and regret that the opportunity was not taken to put forward some constructive proposals. The "Manchester Guardian" is particularly severe in its condemnation while "The Times" maintains its customary politeness.

Among the more bizarre items is a suggestion that Russia should be prominently associated with "the whole pattern of Middle Eastern oil."

Allies to Oppose Buffer Zone

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Military informants here reported today that the United Nations command in Korea would oppose Communist proposals for a buffer zone on both sides of the 38th Parallel and insist on a zone closer to the present military lines.

Diplomats foresaw little difficulty in the way of agreement in principle on the need for a buffer zone between the opposition troops but the big question would be its location.

General Matthew Ridgway, United Nations Supreme Commander, is expected to oppose the reported Communist proposal for a demilitarized belt stretching ten kms. on either side of the Parallel.

Defence Department officials felt that the Allied negotiators at Kaesong would insist that the buffer zone be established farther north.

Unfavourable Positions

That would mean the United Nations troops would have to give up the Communists' good military positions in North Korea and pull back in some parts up to about 50 kms. to unfavourable positions in South Korea.

Officials expected the United Nations command to make public perhaps within the next 48 hours at least some of the Allied terms at the Kaesong talks.

They felt that the Communists had "jumped the gun" and scored a propaganda victory by broadcasting their proposals while the United Nations were merely issuing brief generalized communiques on progress towards an agenda.

The Communist proposals as monitored from the Communist radio were being closely studied in Washington, political and diplomatic quarters.

It was not clear from the reports whether the Communists wanted all foreign troops out of Korea as a condition for the armistice or as part of the later peace settlement.

There was no doubt among officials here that any suggestion that there should be an Allied evacuation as an armistice condition would be flatly rejected.

But if it was meant that all non-Korean forces should be withdrawn later as part of any eventual peace settlement and distinct from an armistice this was seen as closely aligned to United Nations objectives.

LITTLE GROUND ACTION REPORTED

SEOUL, Wednesday (Reuter). — There was little or no ground action in Korea today but American Sabre fighters claimed one of their biggest victories recently in a battle against Communist MIG-15 jets. They claimed to have destroyed three.

The Fifth Air Force said 34 aircraft duelled with 30 MIGs over Singu area near the Manchurian frontier.

The Eighth Army's Wednesday's communiqué reported probing attacks on a small scale by both sides but no significant action.

Agenda Discussed

The Allied side who briefed correspondents on today's talks, American Colonel George Ruhlman, said the delegates were still discussing points of the agenda and might not get beyond that at tomorrow's session.

The Colonel said that Vice-Admiral Charles T. Joy, Chief U.N. negotiator, and North Korean General Nam Il were the "dominant" figures on either side of the table but explained that there had been no chairman during the last days of talks.

He described General Nam Il as "dynamic and a man of a strong character." He reminded us of General Ridgway in one of his conferences, the Colonel said.

He disagreed when correspondents asked him if it was an impression that General Nam Il was attempting to dominate the meetings and run the agenda. He said the Communists were not making any effort to control the sessions, as he could maintain there was no friction between the North Koreans and their Chinese allies.

The text of the U.N. communiqué follows:

It was evident to all United Nations Command delegates that the Communist delegates exhibited stiffness and were less formal than on the previous day. This atmosphere permitted better understanding between the two negotiating parties.

Language Barriers

One of the delays in conducting and expediting these negotiations was the difficulty of the language barrier. Considerable time was spent on the part of both sides in explaining and reassuring themselves that they had correctly interpreted and understood the statements of the other parties.

Today's agenda items were more thoroughly explored and discussed by both parties and there now exists a better understanding of the intended scope of all conversations. There still exists some differences of opinion regarding the priority of items for the agenda.

Certain administrative agreements were reached, including the relaxation of Communist restrictions on movement and arrangements for communication facilities. Today's negotiations adjourned shortly after 1600 hours. There is a general feeling among United Nations Command delegates that progress is being made.

HUNGARIANS REJECT U.S. NOTE

BUDAPEST, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Hungarian Government last night "categorically" rejected a U.S. note alleging Hungarian violation of human rights in connection with the trial of Archbishop Orszag and the expulsion of two U.S. Legation officials. The U.S. note of July 1 also protested against the closing down of the U.S. Information Service offices.

The Hungarian note said that the U.S. Government's note "interfered in a brazen manner with the affairs of the Hungarian People's Republic and the Hungarian people."

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Cables in Brief

COLO.—An American newspaper reported that the first half of the year had been the best in the history of the country, but that the second half was expected to be even better.

Union Officials

WHITLEY BAY, Wednesday.—The world's biggest iron union, Britain's Transport and General Workers, today voted overwhelmingly to dismiss eight of its full-time officers who refused to sign a statement that they were neither Communists nor Fascists.

Delegates of the more than 1,000,000 members upheld the decision of the General Executive after hearing an appeal from the dismissed men.

RITA HAYWORTH ASKS \$3 M. SETTLEMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA, Wednesday (Reuter).—A decision has been reached on Miss Rita Hayworth's demand for a \$3 million settlement by Prince Aly Khan on their daughter Yvonne. It was announced yesterday.

The details and the decision on the child's religious status will remain private, Miss Hayworth's lawyer, Mr. Bartley Crum, and the Prince's lawyer, Mr. Charles Toren, said in their joint announcement.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR DAUGHTER?

You must think of tomorrow. Perhaps you have a grown up daughter. Perhaps she will soon want to set up her own home, have a family, and become a mother herself. Perhaps this prospect is almost a reality. But have you stopped to think what you will have to do if this is the case? Imagine what it means to get a child and furnish it with the fantastically high prices of today. And then—the housekeeping—to be chained to the ration book, food distribution, queues, anxiously waiting for press and radio announcements ("what is being distributed today?") only to be disappointed, again and again.

Do you want your daughter to live tomorrow as you live today? Don't you want a change? It is in your hand to change matters. Your vote can help to change the regime. We all have had enough of Mapai. Vote "Z".

P. BERNSTEIN DENIES MAPAI'S ALLEGATIONS REGARDING GENERAL ZIONISTS' ECONOMIC PROGRAMME

Mapai, in what they jokingly call an appeal to reason, do me the honour of mentioning my views on economic policy. But my views undergo in the Mapai formulation the most astounding transformations. So let me make a few points in my own words.

1. A programme of economic policy, more explicit and detailed than ever has been produced by Mapai, has been submitted to the voter by the Organization of General Zionists. There the reasoning voter will find among many other things a reasoned statement about what controls can be abolished, and when, and under what conditions.
2. Our inspiration does not emanate from Adam Smith, but from the necessities of the country. Its lamentable economic and financial condition brought about by Mapai's government, is well known to the voter, whether reasoning or not.
3. The policy of deflation I advocated two years ago is recorded in the minutes of the Knesset. Mapai rejected it by shouting. What they are now saying represents merely their wrong conclusions drawn, either by lack of understanding or for propaganda purposes.
4. I have NOT demanded restricted immigration, but an economic policy enabling the ABSORPTION of mass immigration in the process of PRODUCTION. I wonder whether Mapai consider their position so weak as to resort to purposely misrepresenting my clear statement.
5. Can it really appeal to reason when Mapai use the primitive trick to accuse their opponents of what they are guilty of themselves? General Zionist economic policy, when implemented, would mean, according to Mapai, waste and discrimination. But waste and discrimination are as everyone knows, the hallmark of Mapai's government.

P. BERNSTEIN
General Zionist Organization—Centre Party

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Soldiers' List Upheld; Sailors On High Seas Denied Vote

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld the appeal of the new immigrants and discharged servicemen's list against the Central Elections Committee and rejected that of the Seamen's Union.

Mr. Charles Schuster, Tel Aviv architect, and Mr. Z. Feigenbaum, representing the New Immigrants and Discharged Servicemen, charged that their list had been barred by the Central Elections Committee because it allegedly bore only 476 valid signatures instead of the required 750.

Advocates M. Caspi and J. Maza, appearing for the list, argued that the Central Elections Committee, headed by Mr. Justice Olshan, had with-out legal justification transferred its jurisdiction over the list to the Department of Statistics in the Prime Minister's Office.

The advocates further claimed that they had been "left in the dark" as to which signatures were declared invalid; in addition, no proof of their invalidity had been submitted, they asserted.

In the other election case the Seamen's Union together with Y. Lishchinski, editor of the "Elah," petitioned the Court to order that each Israeli ship be declared a voting district. The applicants also asked that the voters' register be adjusted accordingly.

Mr. Lishchinski, whose name appeared on the Tel Aviv register, pointed out that the "Elah" was scheduled to sail for New York in a few days. It was also claimed that many sailors, on pairs of compasses, had been arrested and criminal offences, want to stay here in Tel Aviv.

The Court, composed in both cases of Justices Olshan, Agranat and Silberg, held that in the sphere the law permitted no application of the decision of the Election Committee.

Mapai Disapproves Of Followers' Heckling

Reported disturbances by Mapai members at a recent General Zionist meeting caused Mapai Central Headquarters to call on its members to avoid similar behaviour in the future.

It is "opposed to the spirit methods and instructions of the party," the instructions said.

Election Group To Investigate Charges

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—A six-man sub-committee has been set up by the Central Elections Committee to enquire into threats allegedly made by Mapai followers in Harbutz, the Elections Committee announced here today.

The decision to set up the committee was taken by 42 votes to 11, following complaints by Dr. Y. Bader (Herut Knesset Member). He said Herut speakers who went to Harbutz had been informed that new immigrants there had been told by Mapai adherents that if they attended Herut meetings they would receive no bread ration.

The Committee will be made up of representatives of Mapai, Mapam, General Zionists, Hapoel Hagdudi, Progressives and Herut.

The chairman of the Petah Tikva Elections Committee told the press that there were some 30,000 eligible voters in the Petah Tikva area, which covers 12 settlements, including three new immigrant camps and two Arab villages.

Anti-Zealot League Gets Threat

The Jerusalem police reported yesterday that the League Against Religious Oppression had received a letter stating that its members "will soon be dead and the Knesset will be in ruins."

It was signed: "Underground Zealots, Jerusalem Branch." The letter has been forwarded to police headquarters for further examination and an investigation has been started.

RETURN TO POLAND LYDIA AIRPORT, Wednesday (ITDA).

A family of four Israeli residents of Polish origin returned to Poland by air here today. The family included the parents, a daughter, aged 16, and a six-year-old son. The Polish consulate here said that this was an exceptional case, since emigrants who decide to go to Israel were usually not granted return visits.

Personal Notices

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage will take place at the Jerusalem Artichoke House on July 12, 1951, between David Kupersmith (Berger) and Ruth Liebenzender. Reception: 2-4 p.m. This is the only invitation.

Mr. Egon Wittenberg and Mrs. Miriam Wittenberg (née Schuchman)

Jerusalem
wish to thank all those who congratulated them on the birth of their daughter, Ruth Ingrid

Tel Aviv Sets Up Ice Rationing

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Ice will be sold here every day of the week except the Sabbath, but will be rationed to a fourth of a block per consumer. It was decided at a meeting held today between representatives of the Municipal Council and of the Food Control Office. Friday's ration will be a third of a block.

Sharett Deplores Zionists' Detention

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—"We hope that the detention of the Zionists in Rumania will ease the situation of the world," Mr. Moshe Sharett, Minister for Foreign Affairs, said at a mass protest meeting organized by the Rumanian Immigrants' Federation at the Ghetto Theatre last night.

The meeting, which was attended by the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Y. Rokach, the Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, Rabbi I. Unterman, and members of the Knesset, Jewish Agency, and World Jewish Congress, decided to submit a mass petition to the Rumanian Government for the release of the arrested Zionists.

The meeting was also attended by the Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Y. Rokach, the Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, Rabbi I. Unterman, and members of the Knesset, Jewish Agency, and World Jewish Congress.

Second Hostile Witness Denies Earlier Testimony

"Hostile" witness Yehoshua Zohar, second State witness, has been declared opposed to the prosecution in the murder trial of David Ezra, "The Limping One," strongly denied yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court that he had seen Ezra shoot Yehuda Cohen after a series of unsuccessful house-breakings last November.

The witness, who is serving a two-year prison sentence for the attempted murder of a minor police officer, the witness declared yesterday in the murder trial of David Ezra, "The Limping One," strongly denied yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court that he had seen Ezra shoot Yehuda Cohen after a series of unsuccessful house-breakings last November.

Israel Communists Send Protest to Berlin

A telegram of protest against the Israeli Government has been sent by Israel Communists to the German Youth Federation in Berlin following the Government's refusal to issue exit permits to Communists in the peace conference that is being organized by the German youth movements in Berlin.

It is understood that Mapai reversed an original decision to send a delegation of its youth to the Berlin gathering on the eve of the election here.

House Explosion Not Caused by Gas Leak

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—The Bureau Company denied here today that the explosion which caused the partial collapse of a house in Rehov Harbutz yesterday had occurred because of a leak in one of their cylinders.

The cylinder was found to be closed tight, and there were no signs of flame, burst, or explosion. The Bureau Company, which is a company of industrial gas, said the explosion, he added, resulted from a leak occurred here about a year ago when a man who smelled gas in his house at night lighted a match to investigate the matter.

The policy of the company for the past year has been to install cylinders outside the house wherever possible, and indoors only where proper ventilation is assured. A bill making external installation mandatory may be passed in the near future, it is understood.

A gas explosion can occur only by the ignition of gas which has leaked into a closed room and reached a certain density, the official explained. In some instances, gas leaks are believed to have occurred from refrigerator gas which are ignited by the refrigerator motor.

Mrs. Nahmani, 18, narrowly escaped death when the roof of the room in which she was collapsed from the explosion. The girl was saved by the wardroom which fell over her head and formed a shield against the falling debris. Police and paramedics extricated her from the wreckage. Her father, a railway employee who was asleep in another room in the single-story house at 23 Rehov Harbutz, escaped unhurt.

APPEAL TO REASON WHY WE NEED CONTROLS.

VOTERS' GUIDE TO THE ELECTIONS (12)

The main aspects of our economic problem will not change during the next four years. We shall continue to admit immigrants at the present rapid rate. Hence, our local supply of goods will continue to be insufficient to meet the rapid increase in demand. We shall still have to import far more than what our exports can pay for, and we shall still have to borrow abroad.

That is why we shall still need economic controls which will ensure that everyone is supplied and nobody starves, and that our loans are used with maximum effect to increase our productivity and ability to export. The plans worked out by the present Government and supported by Mapai have two aims: to produce locally as much as possible of the food and manufactured goods we now import; and to expand as much as we can the production of those agricultural and industrial commodities which we can export.

This means Government-inspired and Government-financed projects for raising sugar-beets, feed for cattle and poultry, fish, vegetables and cereals—all the most important items of our diet. To carry out these plans the Government must co-operate with the labour settlements and with the Histadrut, particularly with the Histadrut's water company "Mekorot." It must also have a dynamic plan of its own.

CAN WE EXPECT THIS OF ROKACH, BERNSTEIN AND BEGIN? In the past three years the Government has expanded agricultural production by 75%. In the same period the country has undergone a great industrial expansion. We are preparing to produce automobiles, refrigerators and rubber tyres for export in considerable quantities. The Government has taken a leading part in developing our civil aviation and merchant marine. Citrus plantations are being rehabilitated.

There is still much to be done. And only a Government willing to plan and initiate, and to encourage all productive initiative will do it.

CAN YOU EXPECT THIS OF THE LAISSER-FAIRE MENTALITY OF ROKACH, BERNSTEIN AND BEGIN? THEY ARE THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO MAPAI!

THINK TWICE YOU VOTE! MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT! VOTE MAPAI! VOTE

U.S. to Form Mideast Bloc, Moscow Says

By a Special Correspondent
Admiral Robert Canine, the newly appointed commander of NATO forces in the Mediterranean area, was shortly to visit the legation of the Middle East countries to conduct military negotiations with the various kinds of state, it was reported yesterday by the Soviet press.

"Invista" stated that the U.S. was trying to draw Turkey, Israel and the Arab states into a military bloc by a roundabout way: Turkey would thus become the link connecting Israel and the Arab countries, and affiliating them with NATO. U.S. naval forces were now more than doubtless of Great Britain in that area, it was also stated.

The recent locust plague had probably been intentionally provoked by the Western imperialists, a Soviet commentator said. "Even if a miracle occurred and the locusts vanished," it was stated, "the imperialists would try to breed more in their laboratories and loose them into the wheat fields of the East as they did with the Colorado beetle some time ago in Europe."

A report from the Lebanon published in the Moscow press announced that 25 deputies of the Beirut parliament had signed a petition for a revision of the agreement with the Trans-Arabian Pipeline Company which "barred" the Lebanese from the country's waters. The company is alleged to have established a "devildom" near Sidon, compelling fishermen in that area "to starvation."

"Trod" published a detailed report about a recent visit to Afghanistan allegedly provoked by the British. At a trial which has been held in Kabul, the leaders of the Afghan Nationalist Party are said to have been accused of "undermining the Islamic religion." "Progressive" circles in Afghanistan believe that this trial has been inspired by "British agents" since a group of high priests has demanded the release of the accused.

New Building for Bezalel Planned

The construction of a new building for the Bezalel Museum, large enough to show the public the majority of the works of art and books now kept in storerooms, will be the main objective of the Friends of the Museum during the coming few years.

This was announced by Mr. H. Shari, the new Chairman of the Association of Friends of the Bezalel Museum, at its annual meeting held yesterday afternoon in Jerusalem. Mr. Shari succeeds Mr. Joseph Leroy.

The meeting had earlier heard a report by Mr. M. Narkiss, Director of the Museum, on the acquisitions made during his recent trip to Western Europe. A very small part—restricted owing to the lack of space—will be on view at the New Acquisitions Exhibition that will open at the Museum on Saturday. One section shows works bought with funds provided by the Israel Association of Friends of the Museum.

The Association, revived in 1948 by the late Herbert Gruner, is a victim of the Hadassah convey, as its aim is to enlist the material support of the art-loving public for the Bezalel Museum. For the acquisition of works of art, particularly by local artists, and books for the art library.

Probe Into Quarry Disaster Nears End

The Government's Special Committee, investigating the Castel quarry disaster is expected to close its inquiry in Jerusalem today and to complete its report by Saturday.

Committee members yesterday visited a number of quarries in the vicinity of Petah Tikva and in the Jerusalem Corridor. They reported finding "several excellent storage vaults" for explosives and several that were not so good.

In Tel Aviv, the group heard Dr. S. Nekah, Government geologist, complain about the lack of transportation for inspectors.

Hotel Guests To Phone Telegrams

Hotel guests will be able to send telegrams over hotel telephones as of August 1, it was reported yesterday. The service will be available to hotels depositing from IL50 to IL100, depending on the establishment's classification.

Reports Say Auster To Head Power Firm

Reports in the afternoon press, yesterday, said that the former Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Daniel Auster, who is now in London, had been appointed Managing Director of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation.

France Seeks New Premier

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter).—President Vincent Auriol began a new search for a Premier today following the resignation of M. Henri Queuille's government yesterday.

After consulting ex-Premier Edouard Herriot, who yesterday was elected Speaker of the new Assembly, M. Auriol will invite leaders of the principal parliamentary groups to the Elysee palace to weigh their chances of forming a new government.

Favourites in lobby circles are M. Maurice Petche, Independent Finance Minister in M. Queuille's government, and M. Rene Fievet, ex-Premier Rene Fievet, and M. Rene Mayer, outgoing Radical Minister of Justice.

General de Gaulle's Rally of the French People holds the most seats in the Assembly elected last month and claims the right to form a new government. It is unlikely, however, that this party will be able to get other groups to work with it on its programme of constitutional reform.

Fending the formation of a new government, which is not expected before next week, the outgoing cabinet will act as a caretaker administration. M. Robert Schuman is expected to remain Foreign Minister, though M. Rene Mayer may succeed him.

Arabs Appeal For Right to Register

Three orders were issued in the High Court yesterday to Arabs who claimed that they were inhabitants of Israel and had been deprived of their right to register for identity cards.

The three applicants, Naimah Ibrahim, of Haifa; Nimr Zaki, of Nazareth; and Bahar, Masawa, of Haifa who had each been expelled on various occasions, also asked the Court to order the Minister of the Interior, and other officials to prohibit further deportations.

The Court, composed of Justices Cheslin, Asaf, and Zussman, is expected to prevent any further deportations of the applicants before a final decision is taken. Mohammed Nimr al-Hawari appeared for the petitioners.

Shfar Am Council To Open Today

The opening session of the municipal council of Shfar Am, near Nazareth, will take place today.

Appointed by the Minister of the Interior, the Municipal Council of 4 Christians, 2 Druses and 2 Moslems is headed by Mr. Jabour Yusef, formerly Shfar Am's mayor. Sheikh Hussein Salim Alayan, one of the heads of the local Druze community, is Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Participating in the opening ceremony will be Mr. A. Rosenblum, Director-General of the Ministry of the Interior, Sgan-Aloot Na'aman Stavi, the Military Governor of Galilee, and other high ranking officials and officers. Shfar Am is one of the larger Arab municipalities in Israel.

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Jordan System Is Peace Issue

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA).—The distribution of the Jordan's waters now stands high on the schedule of individual issues which the U.N. committee will try to work out peacefully between the Arab states and Israel instead of struggling futilely to conclude a peace treaty, a "New York Times" despatch from Beirut said on Monday.

The present difficulties make it imperative to consider the problem of the Jordan river system. The conflict over the Jordan's waters could become more of a threat to peace than the dispute over the Hula drainage project, the despatch added.

The headwaters of both the Syrian and Jordan projects would be very near Israel territory and would divert well over half the flow of the river, rendering useless Israel's hydro-electric plant on the Jordan below the mouth of the Yarmuk.

Riley Arrives in U.S.

NEW YORK, Wednesday (Reuter).—Lt. General William F. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff, arrived here by air from Lebanon early today to report on the Arab-Israeli dispute on the Syrian border.

General Riley said that he was hopeful of some settlement and that he had submitted his report on the situation to Mr. Trygve Lie.

The whole question hinges on the right of the Israelis to carry through the Hula concession," the General said. He planned to begin consultations with the Secretary-General's office later today and expected to leave New York for two or three weeks.

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